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THE OBSERVATOR.

Reasons why the Protestant Allies should insist at the Treaty for Liberty of Conscience to the Protestants of France. *A Comparison betwixt the old Tyrant of* Babylon, *mention'd* Isaiah 14, *and the* French *King. A blasphemous Dedication to him by an* English Jacobite *Lawyer.*

From Saturday, May 28. to Wednesday, June 1. 1709.

Country-m. HEre's a Letter, Master, from a very honest Gentleman, who is well pleas'd with what you have hitherto writ about the Treaty, and desires you would say something about the oppress'd and persecuted Protestants in the *French* Gallies, and elsewhere, who he thinks ought to be taken Care of before a general Peace be concluded.

Obs. We have a Sort of People among us, *Roger*, who think it not proper for us to meddle with the Administration of other Princes and States within their own Dominions; and you may remember, that when there was a Talk of sending Assistance to the *Cevennois*, it was said to be oppos'd by some who then made a considerable Figure, as a Thing not lawful, to encourage the Rebellion, as they thought fit to call it, of Subjects against their Sovereign; and you may be sure, if such Men can have their Will, nothing shall be done in Favour of our Protestant Brethren under Persecution. But we have Reason to bless God, that her Majesty is a Princess of so much Piety and Zeal, that she is not to be sway'd by People of such narrow Principles; therefore we have no Reason to doubt, but our Plenipotentiaries will have Instructions to join their Endeavours with other Protestant Plenipotentiaries in that Matter. You know her Majesty's Ambassador join'd with the *Dutch* Minister at the Court of *Vienna*, to mediate an Accommodation betwixt the Emperor and the *Hungarian* Protestants, and other Malecontents, and we have just now a fresh Proof of her Majesty's Zeal and Charity to the poor Protestants that are come hither from the *Palatinate*, to take the Benefit of our Naturalization-Act; so that if foreign Protestants be not reliev'd by the present Treaty, we may be sure her Majesty will not be to blame for it.

Country-m. I am very well satisfy'd of that, Master, and am glad to hear, that the *Swiss* Protestant Cantons have sent one to sollicit in Behalf of the poor *French* Protestants in the Gallies, and elsewhere, and that the Protestant Princes of the Empire join with them in that Matter. I take it as a good Omen, that the Protestant Interest will be taken more Care of in this Treaty, than in that of *Ryswick*, because I find it is one of the Preliminaries already agreed on by the Influence of her Majesty and the States General of the united Provinces, that the fourth Article of the Treaty of *Ryswick*, concerning Religion, is to be repeal'd, as being contrary to the Tenor of the Treaty of *Westphalia*; for which, the Blessings of those that were ready to perish, will certainly come upon her Majesty and the States.

Obs. We have no Reason to doubt that, *Roger*. Blessings are sure to attend those who are found in the Way of their Duty. I have formerly taken Notice, that *England* was never more bless'd in its Government, than in Queen *Elizabeth*'s Reign, whose Memory will be precious to latest Posterity, for interposing by Arms, as well as by Ministers, in Behalf of the oppress'd Protestants in *France*, *Scotland*, and the *Netherlands*. The slavish Doctrine of Non-Resistance and Passive-Obedience had not in those Days so much infected our Clergy and Nation, as it did of late. Our Convocations then did expresly approve what that glorious Princess did by her Arms, for the Relief of Protestants, who were oppress'd by their own Sovereigns; and our Clergy gave large Sums of Money out of their Pockets, to support that excellent Queen in what she did for their distress'd Protestant Brethren: so that we have just Reason to say, that those slavish Doctrines which obtain'd among us since, and brought our Liberty and Religion to the Brink of Ruin, are not the genuine Offspring of the Church of *England*, but the spurious Issue of the *Laudean* Faction; therefore Mr. *Hoadly* is very injuriously treated by some of his Brethren, for what he has writ so excellently against those barbarous Principles, and shews himself to be a truer Son of the Church, than those who deny him that Name.

Country-m. I am satisfy'd, Master, that all true Sons of the Church thank him for his noble Efforts, and value him as much as the slavish Faction hate him.

Obs. They have very good Reason for it, *Roger*. May he go on and prosper; 'tis the Cause of God, of the Queen, and of his Country, he espouses, and indeed, that of all Mankind; for nothing is more plainly laid down in the sacred Writings, than that God appointed Government for the Good, and not for the Destruction of Societies; which is an evident Demonstration, that Tyranny is not his Ordinance, and that Tyrants are none of his Vicegerents, but bear the Character of the God of this World, the Enemy of Mankind. Therefore the Abettors of those slavish Doctrines are guilty of Blasphemy against God, as well as of inhuman Cruelty to their Fellow-Creatures, that they would sacrifice to the Ambition of Tyrants, whom God has punish'd in all Ages; and his Vengeance is so remarkable a Present upon the *French* Tyrant, and his slavish Subjects, that he who runs may read it.

Country-m. As I was reading the 14th Chapter of *Isaiah* t'other Day, Master, I could not but take Notice how much the Character and Punishment of the old Tyrant of *Babylon*, resembl'd that of the present *French* Tyrant; therefore I beg Leave to repeat Part of it, thus:

'The Lord hath broke the Staff of the Wicked, 'and the Scepter of the Rulers ----. He who smote 'the People in Wrath with a continual Stroke, he 'that rul'd the Nations in Anger, is persecuted, and 'none hindreth. How art thou fall'n from Hea-'ven, O *Lucifer*, Son of the Morning! How ar't 'thou cut down to the Ground, that did weaken 'the Nations!---- They that see thee, shall nar-'rowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, 'Is this the Man that made the Earth to tremble, 'that did shake the Kingdoms, that made the World 'as a Wilderness, and destroy'd the Cities thereof?

Obs. I think it very applicable, *Roger*, and that all the Tyrants in the World have Reason to *bear and fear*, that they incur not the like Fate. He has been a Blasphemer, as well as a Tyrant, which was likewise Part of that King of *Babylon*'s Character; for he said, *He would ascend into Heaven, and exalt his Throne above the Stars of God. He would ascend above the Heights of the Clouds, and be like the most high; therefore he was brought down to Hell, and the Sides of the Pit.* All the World knows what ful-

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ſome and blaſphemous Panegyricks he has accepted from his ſlaviſh Subjects, and what blaſphemous Titles he has aſſum'd to himſelf. I ſhall only inſtance one at preſent, which is enough to ſtrike the very Heathens, who have any Senſe of a Deity, with Horror, and yet it was made by an *Engliſh Jacobite*, one of the long Robe, and I ſuppoſe a pretended Proteſtant too, while the Aſſaſſination-Plot and the Invaſion was on foot in King *William*'s Time, thus:

Immortalitati & Æternitati Nominis & Numinis Lodovici *Magni*, Galliarum *Imperatoris, clementis, victoris, felicis, ſemper auguſti, ob egregiam Pietatem & Regiam Munificentiam erga afflictos Principes* Britannicos *Nomine* Britannicarum *inſularum hoſce verſiculos* Anglice *conſcriptos humillime conſecrat.*

Which in *Engliſh* is thus:

To the Immortality and Eternity of the Name and Divinity of *Lewis* the Great, Emperor of *France*, victorious, happy, merciful, always auguſt, in Acknowledgment of his Royal Goodneſs and Bounty towards the afflicted Princes of *Britain*; theſe Verſes written in *Engliſh*, are in Name of the *Britiſh* Iſles, moſt humbly conſecrated by, *&c.*

Country-m. That's horrid indeed, Maſter, and vindicates the Juſtice of God in ſo humbling that lofty Tyrant, for arrogating divine Glory to himſelf. We have had a Talk about Town, of his being ſmitten with *Herod*'s Diſeaſe, which I am ſure he juſtly deſerves, for he has been guilty of his Crime. But we muſt leave the Almighty to his own Way of puniſhing him.

Obſ. You ſay very well, *Roger*. I return to my Subject of our Interceſſion for the *French* Proteſtants at the Treaty; which is certainly our Duty, as being Part of the ſame Body. We have ſeen the diſmal Effects which attended that Neglect at the Treaty of *Reſwick*; and 'twas juſt with God, the Proteſtants ſhould not enjoy any Benefit by a Treaty, where his Intereſt was not regarded. It was foretold by ſome Men of eminent Piety, that King *James* the IIſt's Family would ſuffer for the ſcandalous Neglect of his Daughter and Son-in-Law, and the Proteſtants of *Germany*, for whom God rais'd up another Deliverer, while that Prince, in whoſe Power it was to have done more for them, was ſo intoxicated with Notions of arbitrary Power, that he upbraided them with Rebellion againſt the Emperor. But bleſſed be God, her Majeſty has more heroick Sentiments, and came to the Crown upon quite oppoſite Principles.

Country-m. That's our great Advantage, Maſter, and God has bleſs'd her for her Zeal, for her Religion, and the *Engliſh* Conſtitution, with Glory and Succeſs beyond any of her Predeceſſors; ſo that it will make her Memory great and bleſſed while Time laſts, that God has thought fit to make her the chief Inſtrument of abaſing the loftieſt Tyrant that *Europe* has known for many Ages; and it will be recorded to the perpetual Shame of *Lewis* the XIVth, who exalted himſelf above all Men, that he fell chiefly by the Hands of a Woman.

Obſ. I hope her Majeſty will ſtill acquire more Glory, *Roger*, by animating the reſt of the Proteſtant Confederates to inſiſt upon reſtoring the Edict of *Nantz*, and reſcuing thoſe noble *French* Confeſſors from the Gallies, and others of 'em from Convents, where their Lives are a Burden to them, by Reaſon of the Force put upon their Conſciences to comply with the *Romiſh* Idolatry. If the other Confederates inſiſt upon this, we have no Reaſon to think the *French* King's Circumſtances will allow him to deny it. And tho' it may be alledg'd by the *French* Plenipotentiaries, that it will be dangerous for their Maſter to give ſuch a Provocation to his Clergy in this Juncture, I think that Objection has no Weight in it. If they raiſe a Rebellion againſt him on that Account, he may have the Aſſiſtance of the Proteſtant Allies to quell it, if he be not able to do it himſelf. But more of this Subject another Time, *Roger*.

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COME, Brother, let's make a fine Thing
For every Son of Adam;
Let's buy the ſmooth Hair of Women,
(That part with their Glory (a)
To purchaſe ſome Rigging)
And the courſe Hair of a Beaſt,
Either Horſe, Mare, or Goat.
Let's draw 'em, and mix 'em, and curle 'em;
Let's boil 'em, and dry 'em, and bake 'em;
Let's weave 'em, and ſew 'em
Unto a ſilk Cawl and a Ribbond;
And ſay, 'twill make an old Man look young,
A young Man look grave;
'Twill make a Man handſome and brave
In a Lady's Eye.
He may ſtand with his Hat in his Hand,
Or under his Arm, like a Monſieur.
What would a Man more,
Than to imitate thoſe
That aim'd to be Lords of the World?
Let's make 'em pay well for this Medly,
And buy us Eſtates
With the Sins of all that dare venter
To pray or to preach
With Heads that are cover'd,
Tho' not with black Hats;
No Matter for that,
'Tis contrary to the Command. (b)

(a) But if a Woman have long Hair, it is a Glory to her. 1 Cor. 11. 15.

(b) Every Man praying or propheſying, having his Head cover'd, diſhonoureth his Head. For a Man indeed ought not to cover his Head, forasmuch as he is the Image and Glory of God. 1 Cor. 11. 4, 7.

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